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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed May 31, 2002, (Paper No. 15) for the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 10 as follows.

10. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising: ~~isolated~~, purified, or recombinant SP-D protein in an amount sufficient to reduce pulmonary inflammation in mammals, the composition further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for reviewing the instant application and the very helpful telephonic conference conducted with the undersigned attorney on November 19, 2002.

Support for the amended claim language can be found, for example, in Examples 9 through 14 of the specification and in the Figures, particularly Figures 12 and 14.

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